

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 21-40 contain allowable subject matter over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention is directed to an audio-visual program editing process. The independent claims identify the feature of "memorizing each image source, each image part and each display format of the combined image and displaying the combined image, in the course of which, the display of each image part is automatically refreshed". The closest prior art, Norton discloses a conventional video editing apparatus, either singularly or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Norton discloses a conventional video editing apparatus.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT CHEVALIER whose telephone number is

(571)272-7374. The examiner can normally be reached on MM-F (9:00-6:30), second Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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